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1. WE ARE DISMAYED BY BUTROVA'S NOMINATION OF LIBRARIANS FOR THE STUDETS IN THE ARTS PROGRAM, WHICH IN OUR VIEW CONSTITUTES AN A0USE OF THE AGREED PROGRAM OF EXCHAGES. WE FIND HER EXCUSE (REFTEL) HARDLY CREDIBLE. WE WILL, HOWEVER, ASK IIE TO COMPILE A LIST OF INSTITUTIONS AT WHICH SOVIET ARTS STUDETS MIGHT BE PLACED IN ORDER TO ENSURE THAT THIS EXCUSE WILL NOT BE RESORTED TO AGAIN. WILL POUCH AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

2. WE WISH TO SIGNAL TO BUTROVA THE UNACCEPTABILITYOF HER MANEUVERING, BUT AT SAME TIME AVOID JEOPARDIZING THE PLACEMENT OF OUR THREE STUDENTS IN SOVIET INSTITUTIONS. WE THEREFORE SUGGEST THAT EMBASSY INFORM BUTROVA THAT WE WILL ACCEPT HER TWO LIBRARIANS BUT NOT UNDER THE GRADUATE STU-
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DENTS IN THE ARTS PROGRAM. WE WILL SEEK TO ARRANGE PLACE-

MENTS AT US INSTITUTIONS AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE REQUIRED DATA SHEETS WITH BIO INFORMATION, ACADEMIC AND PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE, FIELDS OF INTEREST IN LIBRARY SCIENCE, AND ENGLISH LANGUAGE ABILITY. ARE SOVIETS SEEKING ACADEMIC OR LIBRARY AFFILIATION IN THE US OR COMWINATION THEREOF? PLACEMENT AT ACADEMIC INSTITUTION WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE UNTIL SECOND SEMESTER OF 76/77 ACADEMIC YEAR.

3. AFTER WE HAVE MADE CLEAR THAT LIBRARIANS ARE ACCEPTED IN PRINCIPLE, WE SHOULD INFORM BUTROVA THAT SINCE LIBRARIANS DO NOT FALL UNDER CATEGORIES LISTED IN SECTION I, PARA 1(D) OF PROGRAM OF EXCHANGES, WE WILL BE SEEKING TO PLACE THEM UNDER ANOTHER OF OUR PROGRAMS (PROBABLY WITH EITHER IIE OR CIES), TO BE DETERMINED AFTER RECEIPT OF DATA SHEETS. IF OUR PRESENTATION IS MADE IN THE FORMAT DESCRIBED ABOVE, WE BELIEVE THERE IS LITTLE LIKELIHOOD THAT BUTROVA WILL STALL ON ACCEPTING OUR NOMINEES.

4. WE BELIEVE WE MUST TAKE SOME ACTION TO CORRECT THE SOVIET COURSE ON THIS PROGRAM; THEIR TRACK RECORD OFFERS LITTLE HOPE THEY WILL TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION THEMSELVES. WE RECOGNIZE THAT WE DERIVE BENEFIT FROM THE PROGRAM EVEN IF IT IS CARRIED OUT ON AN ASYMMETRICAL BASIS, BUT SUCH CLEAR DISREGARD OF THE AGREED PROGRAM IS UNACCEPTABLE.

5. WE ARE OF COURSE OPEN TO DISCUSSION WITH THE EMBASSY IF THE EMBASSY RECOMMENDS A DIFFERENT COURSE. ROBINSON

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